

REMARKS

Applicants cancel claims 1-7, 12-17, 19, and 20 without prejudice to their further prosecution in a continuation and/or divisional application. Cancellation of claims 1-7, 12-17, 19, and 20 is unrelated to patentability. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 8-11, 18, 19, and 22-39 are pending.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Dicus for the courtesies and helpful discussions in connection with the telephone message and phone conversation held October 19 and 20, 2005, respectively.

Double Patenting

Claims 8-11, 18-19, and 21-39 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,828,014 to Branham et al. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,828,014 has been obviated by Applicants' submission of the Terminal Disclaimer.

Pursuant to the October 20, 2005 telephone conversation with Applicants' representative, Applicants submit herewith an additional Terminal Disclaimer with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,897,168 to Branham et al.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement in the October 20, 2005 telephone conference that the Examiner has considered the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statements previously entered on 2/12/02 and 5/27/03.

Applicants submit herewith a Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and respectfully request consideration of the references described therein.

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It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application, Applicants respectfully request an interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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